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## PRESS RELEASE

RECENT FELONY SENTENCING HEARINGS:

October 6, 2005:

James Rapozo, 25, of Kapaa was sentenced by Judge Kathleen Watanabe to a maximum total of 10 years in prison for Robbery in the Second Degree, Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle and Assault in the Third Degree. Ashely Souza, 27, of Kapaa, was sentenced to a maximum total of 5 years in prison for Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle and Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree in the same case. Both defendants entered their guilty pleas on July 26, 2005, the morning a jury trial in the case was set to begin.

The offenses occurred on August 11, 2003 when both Rapozo and Souza were involved in an altercation at Lydgate Park between 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning then traveled to the Bell Stones area in Wailua, entered a vehicle looking for something to steal, and when the occupant of the vehicle awoke, they beat and threatened the victim demanding that he give them money. According to the victim, Rapozo was the one in

charge on that morning.

**Bryson Ono**, 22, of Kapaa, was sentenced by Judge Watanabe to a five year term of probation for Criminal Property Damage in the First Degree and Criminal Property Damage in the Second Degree. Special conditions to Ono's probation include serving one year in jail, paying over \$12,000 in restitution to the victims, undergoing a substance abuse evaluation and treatment, and submitting to drug testing.

Ono entered his guilty pleas to the felony offenses on June 21, 2005. Ono admitted to assisting Kevin Reis (previously sentenced to five years in prison for the same offenses) in setting fire to a vehicle and the garage in which the vehicle was parked.

Sanoe Chandler, 22, of Waimea, was re-sentenced by Chief Judge George Masuoka to a total maximum of five years in prison for a total of four counts of Theft in the Second Degree in two separate cases after being found in violation of her probation in both cases.

Chandler was initially placed on probation for the felony theft offenses on April 17, 2003. A motion to revoke her probation was filed on February 23, 2004 after Chandler's probation officer reported that Chandler tested positive for drug use, failed to report for a meeting with her probation officer, and failed to inform her probation officer of her change in address. On June 22, 2004, Chandler was re-sentenced to new five year terms of probation.

On April 18, 2005 another Motion to Revoke Chandler's probation was filed after her probation officer reported that Chandler continued to fail to report to meetings with her probation officer, again failed to inform her probation officer of her change in address, and was discharged non-compliant from drug treatment for violating the program's rules.

## October 11, 2005:

Cheton Sivanathan, 26, of Kapaa, was sentenced by Judge Watanabe to five years probation for Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the Third Degree and Unlawful Use of or Possession with Intent to Use Drug Paraphernalia. Special Conditions to Sivanthan's probation include serving one year in jail, drug treatment, drug testing, and payment of court fees.

Sivinathan entered his guilty pleas to the felony offenses on July 26, 2005. On March 24, 2005, Sivanathan was arrested for disorderly conduct and during a pat down search incident to that arrest, the officer found cocaine in plastic packets in Sivanathan's right front pocket.